

CANTON PARK COMMISSION

BOARD MINUTES

JANUARY, 2012

The Canton Board of Park Commissioners met in regular session on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at the Garden Center Building.

Present were; Mr. Andy Black, President; Mr. Wuyanbu Zutali, Member; Mr. Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary; and Mr. Douglas Foltz, Assistant Director. There were also a few attendees at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p. m.

The first item of business was the reading of the minutes of the December 14, 2011 regular meeting. A motion was made by A. Black to approve them as written. A second was provided by W. Zutali, and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Old Riverside Park Issues – The Director reported nothing new with regard to this issue. The Board also had nothing new to report so the issue remained tabled.

At this time Mr. Terry Prater arrived at the meeting. Mr. Prater was recently appointed to the Board to replace Mr. Frank Morris. Mr. Morris was recently elected to City Council.

2. Park Brochure Development – The Director informed the Board that a new ex-tern had started at the Engineering Department. He had met with him and he was working on the map. The Director stated he hoped that there would now be a map ready by the next meeting and a brochure ready by spring.
3. Possible Dominion Easements Reifsnyder, Oak, and Martindale Parks – This issue remained tabled as the Director had no new information on the possible easements to report.
4. Recycle/Ad Proposal – This issue also remained tabled as nothing new was expected until the spring.
5. Possible transfer of Crenshaw Park Property to SARTA – No one had any new information with regard to this issue so it remained tabled. The Director was asked to check with the Service Director to see if there was a final plan in place.
6. Informal City Council Resolution regarding Nimisilla Park – The Board noted that they had not as yet received a reply from the Service Director with regard to this issue. Mr. West stated he would follow up with him. The issue remained tabled.

7. Possible Clear Channel Sign Location in West Park – The Director informed the Board that he had received an email from Clear Channel that stated ODOT would not approve a permit for the sign location using spot zoning. Mr. Black stated he was not interested in any attempt to re-zone the entire property. The Director stated that if the entire property would be re-zoned he would be concerned about the possible loss of the Park System's tax exempt status for it. The issue would be removed from the agenda for the next meeting unless some new information regarding it was presented.
8. HOF Expenses – Mr. Black stated he had met with the Recreation Board President and there was still to be a meeting with the Service Director to finalize the approach to the Chamber. Mr. Zutali asked if there would be a meeting with the Chamber. Mr. Black said he was sure there would be but, the Board would have to make sure they complied with the Sunshine Laws before it was decided who would or could attend such a meeting. The issue remained tabled.
9. Dine Proposal for Children's Rides in a Park – Mr. Black reviewed what had been discussed with Mr. Dine at last month's meeting to bring Mr. Prater up to speed.

At this point Mr. Dine stated he had looked at some park locations and after looking at Nimisilla Park and talking to Council member West he decided to try his proposal at that location. He stated he would like to start over the old tennis court area. Mr. Black asked how much power he thought he would need? Mr. Dine said he thought 300 Amps and that he hoped it was a three phase service. Mr. Dine also stated he would need some water for a misting station and concession stand.

Council member West stated he was very interested in the proposal. He said on the advice of the Park Director he had a meeting with the Service Director and the Law Department with regard to how this proposal could be accomplished. Mr. West stated Mr. Dine had talked about 10 to 12 rides with the focus on children aged 12 and under. He also stated Mr. Dine may be willing to create a not-for-profit. Mr. West said the Law Department was going to make some calls to other areas who are doing similar things to find out how they are organized. Mr. Black stated that if there were a not-for-profit there may be other funding opportunities available. Mr. West said this would be a pilot project and he also said he had talked to someone in the Water Department about getting additional water outlets in the park.

Mr. Dine stated he hoped to be able to be at the location by April 1st and that he would need larger gates to be able to get the rides into the area. Mr. West stated that the Law Department would have to do what they need to do and the not-for-profit is Mr. Dine's responsibility.

Ms. Sarver stated that if this were to be near her home she would want to know what the hours of operation were going to be. Mr. Black said that all issues such as this is something Mr. West would need to address with the neighborhood. Mr. Dine stated he wanted to be up front with them and informed them that he had made such offers to other communities in the area. The Board thanked Mr. Dine and the issue was then tabled.

At this time Mr. Black wanted to address the possible new Board organization. He noted Mr. Prater's recent appointment to the Board and welcomed him. He also noted his recent re-appointment to the Board. He then called for nominations for Board organization. Mr. Black stated he would be glad to continue as President if that was the Board's desire.

He then nominated Mr. Zutali for Vice President. Mr. Zutali nominated Mr. Black for President. The Board then voted on the Board organization as follows; Mr. Black, President; Mr. Zutali, Vice President, and Mr. Prater, Member. The vote was as follows;

Mr. Black – Yes

Mr. Zutali – Yes

Mr. Prater – Yes

With the Board organization now set the Board proceeded to New Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bauhof Park Parcel 4-WD for Public Right-of-Way – The Director informed the Board that this request was from the City Engineering Department to deed a section of the park (identified as Parcel 4-WD) from the city to the city, reserved for the purpose of public right-of-way, as a part of the Mill Street bridge replacement project. The Board had no objections to this request. A motion was then made by A. Black to approve the use of a quit-claim deed for the purpose requested above for the parcel identified as 4-WD in Bauhof Park. A second was provided by W. Zutali and the motion then passed by unanimous vote.

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. The Director informed the Board that both Doug Foltz and he had attended a meeting of the West Park Neighborhood Association. At the meeting the Director was presented with a check in the amount of \$400.00, as a donation from the Association, in support of the Park System's "Holiday in the Park" activity. They raised the money through a tour of homes and said they were planning on doing the same next year.
2. The Director reported to the Board that the Law Director had asked City Council to reconsider the establishment of a Tree Ordinance. He also passed out to the Board members applications for the Tree Commission Academy training for their consideration.
3. At this time Mr. Black made a motion for the Board to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. A second was provided by W. Zutali and the motion was then passed by the following vote;

Mr. Black – Yes

Mr. Zutali – Yes


Mr. Prater – Yes


Sometime later a motion was made by A. Black to return the Board to open session. A second was provided by T. Prater and the motion was then passed by the following vote;

Mr Black – Yes
Mr. Zutali – Yes
Mr. Prater – Yes

Mr. Black then instructed the Director to make the necessary arrangements for the Board to hold a Special Meeting to discuss personnel issues on Friday January 13, 2012 at 9:00 a. m. The location would be at the Garden Center Building.

Being no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p. m.



Andy Black, President

Douglas V. Perry, Director/Secretary